

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,137,873. The originally filed claims have been cancelled for this current application, but may be pursued at a later time. The new claims include some of the same limitations as well as different limitations than the originally filed claims.

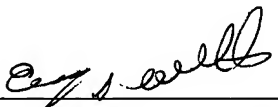
As permitted by 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1)(i-iv) and MPEP §201.06(c), Applicant has filed herewith a copy of the original Declaration and has filed herewith a specification and drawings that do not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application. The accompanying specification differs from the original specification for parent case Serial No. 09/621,018 and grandparent case Serial No. 09/056,023 in the following way:

1) New claims have been substituted for the originally filed claims of application Serial No. 09/056,023;

Applicant's new specification and drawings are provided to take advantage of the provisional rights potentially available to Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §154(d). Applicant submits that no new matter has been added as the new claims are supported by the specification of the parent and grandparent applications.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, it is requested that the Examiner call the undersigned at (312) 321-4726 so that an interview can be arranged.

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